

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2404 - HB 2605**

February 12, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to develop instructional guidelines for child safety training programs for members of professions that frequently deal with children who may be at risk of abuse no later than January 1, 2019.

Requires the Board of Social Worker Licensure (BSWL) to work with the DCS to create child safety training programs. Requires, after July 1, 2019, any professional seeking license renewal from the BSWL to complete the appropriate child safety training program prior to the board granting the professional a license renewal.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$45,000/FY18-19  
\$81,400/FY19-20 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Health (DOH), the proposed legislation cannot be accommodated within existing resources. The DOH will require one Training Officer 2 position to implement the program and provide training to approximately 6,400 licensees.
- Administrative staff of the Division of Health Regulatory Boards will be able to verify and process the additional education requirements for this licensure.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures associated with the additional position is estimated to be \$4,300 (\$1,600 computer cost + \$2,700 office furniture).
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the additional position is estimated to be \$81,429 (\$55,128 salary + \$16,401 benefits + \$7,900 administrative costs + \$1,400 communications + \$600 supplies).
- Due to the required date of January 1, 2019, that DCS must develop the guidelines used by the professional boards, the total increase in state expenditures in FY18-19 is estimated to be \$45,015 [ $\$4,300 + (\$81,429 \times 50.0\%)$ ]
- The recurring increase in state expenditures beginning in FY19-20 is estimated to be \$81,429.
- Based on information from the DCS, the DCS can develop the required instructional guidelines for child safety training programs utilizing existing resources within the department.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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